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NOTE VERBALE DATED 4 MARCH 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 1 and 3 March 1994, there appear to have been 8 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as the annex to this note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,492.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(01 - 04 March 1994)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
1510	1 Mar.	11.20	11.26	AWACS made radar contact 22 kilometres southeast of Sarajevo. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a grey Gazelle that landed near Sarajevo. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Low Unknown
1511	1 Mar	11.34	11.42	UNPROFOR personnel observed one MI-8 helicopter with red cross markings flying over Zenica heading southeast. The helicopter returned shortly and landed at the quarry. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Southeast, northwest Low Slow
1512	1 Mar.	13.18	13.27	AWACS made radar contact 15 kilometres northeast of Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a green MI-8 helicopter. AWACS lost contact 33 kilometres northwest of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Northwest 90 Kts Unknown
1513	1 Mar.	14.35	14.45	UNPROFOR personnel observed one white and blue MI-8 helicopter with red cross markings, taking off from Zenica and circling in the area at low altitude for 10 minutes before landing in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Circling Slow Low
1514	1 Mar.	14.59	17.14	This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC from Pale to Zvornik, by an olive green MI-8 helicopter (Tail No. 12369) with Serb flag and red cross markings. It became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight plan by not landing at Zvornik. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
1515	2 Mar.	09.12	13.15	This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC (Serial No. 466) from Divulje to Kiseljak, by a MI-8 helicopter (Tail No. H-211) with red cross markings. It became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight plan and landed at the hospital rather than at the airport. Inspectors were unable to inspect the helicopter upon landing. When the helicopter landed at the airport 12 passengers deplaned that did not appear medically unfit, one was a soldier in uniform. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Northeast then Southwest Unknown Unknown
1516 1517	3 Mar.	08.35	08.36	UNPROFOR personnel observed two Cesna type aircraft flying 7 kilometres southeast of Zenica, heading north. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Low Slow